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Non-Bio-Degradable Material
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to ban the use of non-admissible grades of plastics and other non-bio-degradable material to create healthy environment and ecosystem; (b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) to (c): Non-admissible grades of plastic has not been defined in any regulation governed by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. However, the Plastic Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2011 prohibit manufacture and use of plastic bags made of less than 40 micron thickness. There is extensive use of non-biodegradable materials like glass, metals, plastic etc. The Ministry has notified waste management rules for electronic waste, plastic waste, biomedical waste, hazardous waste and municipal solid waste to prescribe environmentally sound management of wastes. The Government has published various amended draft waste management rules in 2015 to strengthen waste collection and disposal mechanisms.

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